



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:

Thomas L. Meredith

Serial No.:

09/615,643

Filed: For:

July 13, 2000

Group Art Unit:

Composite Bone Material Implant And Prosthesis

Examiner:

Brian E. Pellegrino

Attorney's Docket No.:

N6089

Customer No.:

23456

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

APR 2 1 2003

RECEIVED

TECHNOLOGY CENTER R3700

Box Fee Amendment Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed December 10, 2002. Amendments will be presented on the pages that follow.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims and begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 7 of this paper and include an attached sheet.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.36(a), Applicant kindly requests a one month extension of time. Enclosed is a check for \$55.00 to cover said extension.